



### **Budget Update Alert: Governor Signs Executive Order Slashing State Employees' Salaries**

Earlier today, Governor Schwarzenegger signed an Executive Order reducing approximately 200,000 state worker salaries below the state minimum limit of \$8.00 per hour to the federal minimum limit of \$6.55 per hour. In addition, he terminated nearly 22,000 temporary state workers who serve constituents at the Department of Motor Vehicles, Consumer Affairs, and other vital agencies.

“Our state workers should have never been placed in the crossfire of negotiating the state budget,” stated Assemblymember Hayashi. “The governor’s decision may cause greater financial stress among our dedicated state workers and lower morale. This is especially true as many families struggle to pay their mortgages and the high cost of gasoline; and with children returning back to school this month, these families and California retailers will face greater obstacles making ends meet.”

The Democratic Caucus has offered our Republican colleagues a [balanced budget](#) that puts education first, offers health care to our most vulnerable citizens, funds programs to protect our environment, and strengthens our economy that fosters job growth.

#### **Assembly Speaker Karen Bass released the following statement:**

"I'm disappointed with the Governor's decision. It is an unwise and unfortunate move to cause economic strife to public servants and their families who are working hard and playing by the rules. We are not going to let this decision get in the way of our mission which is to deliver a budget that reflects the values of Californians. We are continuing to make progress and I remain hopeful we will have a budget on his desk in the next few days."

Budget Website for California Democratic Caucus – <http://adc.asm.ca.gov/issues/budget/>

It is time that our Republican colleagues reach across the aisle in a bipartisan manner and pass a balanced budget. After August 1<sup>st</sup>, nursing homes and hospitals risk losing Medi-Cal reimbursement funding and our most vulnerable citizens including our seniors, children, and people with disabilities will soon face even more difficult circumstances.

I ask everyone to contact members of the [Assembly Republican Caucus](#) and [Senate Republican Caucus](#) and request that they vote to pass a balanced budget today!

## **Community News**

### **Seniors Receive Assistance for Rebates at Home Owners and Renters Assistance Workshop**



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi and her special guest, Board of Equalization Chairwoman Betty Yee, hosted a Homeowners and Renters Assistance (HRA) Workshop on July 12<sup>th</sup> at the New England Village Mobile Home Park in Hayward.

The [HRA program](#) is a once-a-year payment from the State of California based on part of the property taxes assessed and paid on each primary residence. Administered by the Franchise Tax Board (FTB), eligibility requires the applicant to be at least 62 years of age or blind or disabled.



Volunteers from the FTB assisted participants with filling out the application forms. Each qualified homeowner or renter may receive a rebate up to \$472 or \$347 respectively. Thanks to Mr. Bob Bird (pictured to the right) and the volunteers at the New England Mobile Home Park, the event was a true success!

### **Foreclosure Reform Bill (SB 1137) Co-Authored by Assemblymember Hayashi Becomes Law**

An important foreclosure process reform bill (SB 1137 – Perata) was chaptered into law on July 8<sup>th</sup> in order to protect the hundreds of thousands of Californians who are in danger of losing their homes due to the mortgage crisis.

**HOME  
MORTGAGE  
CRISIS**

What you need to know

The law, co-authored by Assemblymember Hayashi, offers several important steps to reduce the number of foreclosure sales by requiring lenders to contact borrowers in order to offer loan restructuring options, ensure that foreclosed properties do not contribute to neighborhood blight, and provide additional protections for tenants living in investor owned properties. For more information about the law, [click here](#). For general information including telephone numbers of leading mortgage lenders, [click](#)

[here](#).

## Resolution Passes that Calls Upon the Expansion of Voting Rights for People with Mental Disabilities in the U.S.



Assemblymember Hayashi's [AJR 43](#) was chaptered by the California Secretary of State on July 11<sup>th</sup>. This measure addresses the need to extend a very basic constitutional right – the right to vote – to all eligible citizens who wish to vote in the United States.

AJR 43 calls on Congress and the President of the United States to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to ensure that all eligible citizens with mental disabilities may participate in the U.S. voting process. The chaptering of AJR 43 is both timely and needed because currently, 18 states disenfranchise individuals with mental health conditions which may not interfere with their ability to understand political views or make sound decisions. Fortunately, California's voting system leads the nation in extending

this constitutional right to every eligible resident who desires to vote.

## Assemblymember Hayashi Holds Hearing on the Implementation of the Mental Health Services Act



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi convened an informational briefing at the State Capitol on Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss the progress of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) implementation in California.

The briefing featured a panel of speakers including Dr. Stephen Mayberg, Director of the California Department of Mental Health (Pictured to the Right), Ms. Patricia Ryan, Executive Director of the California Mental Health Directors Association, and Ms. Sheri Witt, Executive

Director of the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission.



The MHSA presentation focused on topics including an overview of California's public mental health system, the origin and overview of MHSA, and early impacts of the MHSA. If you would like to view the presentation, [click here](#).

## Community Gathers for Town Hall Meeting and CEC Evidentiary Hearing on Eastshore Power Plant



Assemblymember Hayashi held a Town Hall Meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup> at the Hayward City Hall to hear from the community about the Eastshore Power Plant and to discuss the efforts to stop the power plant from certification including her bill, [AB 1909](#).

AB 1909 seeks to give the City of Hayward the final authority in determining if the Eastshore power plant complies with its local Laws, Ordinances, Regulations and Standards (LORS) as it relates to the operations of the Hayward Executive Airport and the safety of surrounding residents, schools and businesses. It will be heard in the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee on August 7, 2008.

Panelists at the Town Hall included Hayward Mayor Michael Sweeney, Alameda County Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker, Chabot-Las Positas Community College Chancellor Joel Kinnamon, and Mr. Andy Wilson who represented the California Air Pilots Association and Citizens Against Pollution. Hayward City Councilmember Barbara Halliday also provided additional insight and strong opposition to the Eastshore Power Plant.

In June, CEC Commissioner Jeffrey Byron announced his Presiding Member's Proposed Decision (PMPD) that recommended the denial of Eastshore's certification. An Evidentiary Hearing on the PMPD was held on July 21st. A final vote by the full CEC Commission will occur sometime in late September or early October.

## 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Has Received Over \$428 Million to Improve School Facilities



Since voters approved a series of general obligation bonds beginning in 1998, schools within the 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly District have benefited from allocations made by the State Allocation Board for the School Facility Program.

Over \$428 million dollars has been authorized for the construction of new schools, modernizing old schools, reducing classroom class sizes, and providing career-technical education facilities.

Here are the breakdowns:

### Castro Valley Unified

- \$16,583,003      Modernize Classroom Facilities

### Dublin Unified

- \$55,423,006      Construction of New School Facilities
- \$3,053,717      Modernize Classroom Facilities

Hayward Unified

- \$10,070,381 Construction of New School Facilities
- \$1,250,494 Modernize Classroom Facilities
- \$838,1003 Construction of Joint-Use Facilities

New Haven Unified

- \$58,975,783 Construction of New School Facilities
- \$10,457,090 Modernize Classroom Facilities
- \$2,907,558 Career Technical Facilities
- \$483,322 Construction of Joint-Use Facilities

Oakland Unified

- \$1,625,773 Construction of New School Facilities
- \$97,390,751 Modernize Classroom Facilities
- \$32,104,236 Reduce Overcrowded Classrooms
- \$622,264 Construction of Joint-Use Facilities

Pleasanton Unified

- \$29,041,837 Construction of New School Facilities
- \$21,971,854 Modernize Classroom Facilities

San Leandro Unified

- \$13,190,116 Construction of New School Facilities
- \$27,971,854 Modernize Classroom Facilities
- \$8,053,500 Career Technical Facilities
- \$1,500,000 Construction of Joint-Use Facilities

San Lorenzo Unified

- \$30,753,043 Modernize Classroom Facilities
- \$4,500,000 Construction of Joint-Use Facilities

Sunol Glen Unified

- \$148,058 Modernize Classroom Facilities

18<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Total: \$428,160,559



## Hayward Receives Community Input for Its Climate Action Plan



In accordance with AB 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, the California Air Resources Board has just released its Draft Scoping Plan that calls upon local governments to reduce their green house gas (GHG) emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2020.

The City of Hayward has completed its baseline GHG emission inventory report and conducted its first community meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup> that sought climate change input from community leaders, businesses, residents, and educators. The action plan will guide the city in its commitment to meet its GHG emission reduction obligations.

Hayward Mayor Michael Sweeney has appointed Assemblymember Hayashi to his advisory committee for [Hayward's Climate](#)

[Action Plan](#).

## Assemblymember Hayashi Honors the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hayward Relay for Life



Assemblymember Hayashi honored the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Hayward. This signature activity celebrates cancer survivors, remembers those who have lost the battle against cancer, and unites communities to fight against a disease that is responsible for over 500,000 deaths each year in the United States.

Because cancer never sleeps, Relay for Life teams spent the night camping out at Moreau Catholic High School enjoying music and family activities while team members walked around a track relay-style for the duration of the event. The event, organized by volunteers, raises funds to go towards cancer research, early detection and prevention education. Congratulations on 10 Years!



## Chauncey Bailey Posthumously Honored at the Kelly Hill – Hayward High School Reunion



Assemblymember Hayashi posthumously honored journalist Mr. Chauncey Bailey at the Kelly Hill – Hayward High School Reunion. Mr. Bailey was an alumnus of Hayward High School and grew up in the Kelly Hill area of Hayward. Mr. Bailey earned his bachelor's degree in journalism from San Jose State University and had an extraordinary career in print journalism, television, and radio. For twelve years, he covered the East Oakland and black community affairs for the Oakland Tribune. In 2005, he left the Oakland Tribune to write travel stories for a black weekly newspaper and in 2007, he was appointed Editor of the Oakland Post.

While covering a story about “Your Black Muslim Bakery” and its alleged criminal activity, Mr. Bailey was murdered as he walked to his office at the Oakland Post.

Organized by Ms. Lillian Litzsey and BWOPA, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi presented an Assembly Resolution memorializing the late Chauncey Bailey for his illustrious record of personal, professional, and civic achievements, as well as the love and devotion he gave to his family, friends and the Hayward Community.

## Tip of the Month

### Earthquake Preparedness Tips While Driving in an Automobile

The recent 5.4 earthquake that shook the Los Angeles area should act as a warning for the next “Big One.” Over the next 30 years, scientists from the United State Geological Society predict that California has a 99% chance of an earthquake measuring magnitude 6.7 or greater. This week’s earthquake in Los Angeles struck near the noon hour while many people were traveling in their automobiles. Here are Earthquake Preparedness Tips if you are driving:

Before the earthquake, make sure you have these items in your car:

1. First aid kit
2. Bottled water
3. Non-perishable food
4. Blanket
5. Flashlight with extra batteries
6. Tools including a screwdriver, pliers, wire, can opener and duct tape
7. Sealable plastic bags
8. Gloves
9. Prescription medications
10. Toiletries

During a strong earthquake, a moving car will feel like all four tires have flats. If in a moving vehicle, it is recommended that you do the following:

1. Gradually decrease your speed
2. Pull to the side of the road when safe to do so
3. Do not stop your vehicle on or under overpasses or bridges
4. Do not drive until it’s safe
5. Avoid parking near trees, downed power lines and buildings
6. Stop the car and keep your seat belt fastened
7. Remain in your car until the shaking stops
8. Turn your car radio on and listen for advisories
9. If on a freeway, exit at the first opportunity if it is safe to do so
10. Cooperate with public safety officers

*Source: The Automobile Club of Southern California*



## Resources Available

### New Publication Available



The California State Budget Process

### Publications Available



Child Immunization Law



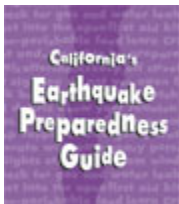
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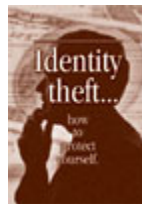
Senior Resource Guide



Home Mortgage Crisis Resource Guide



Earthquake Preparedness Guide



ID Theft Guide



Diabetes Guide



Stroke: Don't ignore the risk factors!



Breast Cancer Resource Guide



Children's Coloring Book – How a Bill Becomes Law

Free community resource guides are now available in print or online through Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office. Copies are available throughout the 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly District at senior centers, libraries, health clinics, and community organizations. If you or your organization would like printed copies, contact the district office at (510) 583-8818.

## State Resources Website



Want to find energy saving tips? Find it and over 170 other state resource links that offer valuable information on a wide range of topics such as how to find a smog-check only station, how to receive free cash for college, how to protect yourself from identity theft, and how to apply for a FasTrak toll device.

To visit the new webpage, log on to Assemblymember Hayashi's official homepage at [www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi](http://www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi) and click on the *State Resources Websites* link. This will lead web browsers to a list of service-based websites. From there click on any of the service links and be directed to the appropriate state agency's website.

Whether you're looking for tips on how to save on prescriptions or attempting to find the nearest recycling center, this new webpage is a convenient and comprehensive resource.

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